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REMARKSRejection of Claims 1-12 Under Obviousness-Type Double Patenting

Claims 1-12 are rejected under obviousness-type double patenting over the claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,468,422 and 5,976,367.

A Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. Patent Nos. 6,468,422 and 5,976,367 was filed via hand-delivery on February 13, 2004, which obviates the rejection. Enclosed are copies of the Terminal Disclaimer, Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) and the date-stamped postcard receipt. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicants' Agent would like to thank the Examiner for the telephonic interview to notify him that the instant claims would be allowable upon filing a Terminal Disclaimer.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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